



Klein Applauds President's Decision on Stem Cell Research

Washington, DC – Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today applauded President Obama's decision to lift the federal ban on stem cell research and open the door to potentially life-saving scientific research. The President's decision clears the path for embryonic stem cell research when it is scientifically worthy and responsibly conducted.

"With today's decision, the President has restored the federal government's focus to scientific research, rather than political ideology," Klein said. "Supporting this promising research renews hope for millions of American families touched by diseases from Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's Disease to cancer and diabetes, and it will open the door for groundbreaking discoveries at research facilities like Scripps Florida. The President has been clear that stem cell research in this country will not be undertaken lightly, and that it will only be conducted in the most responsible, ethical manner possible, with strict guidelines to prevent misuse and abuse.

"The United States has always been a world leader in science and technology, and with this ban lifted, we can return to the cutting-edge research that will bring the next big breakthroughs in the world of medicine. American ingenuity and scientific genius have risen to meet historic challenges, from the Apollo moon mission to the Manhattan Project. Starting today, our scientists and researchers can begin their work crossing this next frontier."

Klein is a long-time supporter of responsible, ethically conducted stem cell research. He has co-sponsored legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to open the door to this promising research and advocated on behalf of South Florida residents who are in urgent need of the cures it could provide. Klein was also a key leader in the team that brought the Scripps biomedical research facility to South Florida.

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